

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

28E Agreement between DNR and Wright County Conservation Board

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to enter into a 28E Agreement with the Wright County Conservation Board (Board) to enhance construction projects underway at Lake Cornelia. The Department will accomplish this enhancement by funding public improvement projects the Board identifies and by allowing the Board to contract for said improvements. Iowa Code chapter 28E (2007) authorizes this agreement.

The Department is in the process of completing a number of significant improvements at Lake Cornelia, including bridge upgrades, a marina enlargement and decking. The Department is utilizing a special appropriation it received to complete this work. The Department proposes providing the Board with the remaining \$155,000 of the appropriation to enable the Board to contract for additional improvements to enhance the recent projects. The additional improvements shall be subject to approval by the Department and may include the following: docks for the marina area, restroom upgrades, land acquisition for trail expansions, playground development, signage and landscaping, and trail improvements. The Department also proposes an amendment provision in the agreement that would enable the Department to provide to the Board additional funds, as they may be available upon completion of work the Department is finishing, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Providing the funds to the Board will defray costs to the Department by reducing the amount of staff time overseeing these smaller projects.

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